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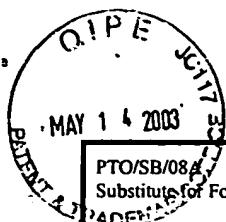
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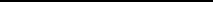
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		(Our Docket No. 67591) Patent Application Serial No. 10/363,436, filed 1/29/03.
		Exhibit A shows drawings of a package used by the Assignee of the <u>present invention</u> , which is admittedly prior art with respect to the above captioned <u>patent application</u> . Exhibit A includes three figures describing a package which is <u>prior art</u> with respect to the above-captioned patent application.
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